ST. CHARLES PARISH

Although St. Charles was only moderately affected by Hurricane Katrina, residents' priorities reflect serious concerns about safety and storm protection. They are also dealing with a large population increase.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

66% Safer than before

18% Same level of safety as before

16% Move back now



parishes in Louisiana. St. Charles Parish's population has surged significantly since the hurricane, and their infrastructure is overburdened.

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #2 Restore coastal areas
- Provide better community & social services
- Support the arts and culture

WE TREASURE...

...the fact that we are close to the city but can enjoy the open spaces of our rural landscapes. We are proud of our school system.

WE STRONGLY AGREE

- **94%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- **91%** Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger
- **84%** We should prioritize flood protection over other needs
- **71%** Some areas are too risky to rebuild

SPLIT DECISIONS



- We should ensure that residents can return to their original home sites
- 45% We should rebuild public buildings that are in high-risk areas



